



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshio SUGIURA

Group Art Unit: 2854

Application No.: 10/809,438

Examiner: J. CULLER

Filed: March 26, 2004

Docket No.: 118735

For: RECORDING MEDIUM CONVEYING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING
APPARATUS INCLUDING THE SAME

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Sir:

In reply to the November 26, 2007 personal interview, Applicant provides a separate record of the personal interview. Applicant also appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Culler to Applicant's representative during the personal interview.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representative traversed the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Taniguro et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,580,042) in view of Tranquilla (U.S. Patent No. 6,712,357) and further in view of Sakaino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,126,347).

As discussed during the personal interview, the applied art fails to disclose all of the features recited in claim 1 because Sakaino does not teach a spring that contacts with the cam follower, the cam follower being disposed between the cam member and the spring. Taniguro and Tranquilla fail to make-up for this deficiency. Accordingly, the applied art does not teach all the features of independent claim 1 and thus the rejection is defective.

Applicant does not concede that the applied art discloses the features of the other dependent claims under rejection. However, it is unnecessary to separately discuss the other dependent claims given the existence of clear distinguishing features in claim 1.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing and the November 5, 2007 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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